

West. That is why I have proposed and I have advocated and I have insisted that if we're going to do anything, it has to be done on a state by state basis. That's why I introduced my own bill for this session which was declared to be outside the call and I'm embarrassed that notwithstanding the fact that we have cut some taxes and have increased some revenue, that next January we're going to be back here doing the same thing again because we have not addressed the basic cause of the problem which affects the Nebraska Legislature and that is a declining economy which is going to be accelerated rather than to be slowed down in the ensuing months. So I want to say that I would hope that we would not just take a light look at these resolutions. If they have any value at all, it's going to be in the fact that this Legislature understands and recognizes and does not condone the complacency that takes place at the federal level. I want to emphasize once again that it is not the fault of the Farm Credit System although they made mistakes. It is not the fault of the individual farmer. It is not the fault of the individual businessman or the country bank if they are in trouble. The responsibility rests in Washington and it is especially ironic that we have a federal government that has doubled the national debt in the last five years. It continues to insist upon a \$200 billion deficit and then comes out here and has the unmitigated gall to castigate the Farm Credit System and the Nebraska bankers for unwise lending policies. That is arrogance in the extreme. So I would ask you to continue and I would wish there would be more members here on the floor because let me tell you, ladies and gentlemen, if we don't resolve the problem that is before us, and we are going to have to do it ourselves whether you take a DeCamp bill or a Schmit bill or any other kind of a bill, if we don't do it ourselves, we are not going to get any assistance from Washington and if we don't get it done, we're going to have financial problems far in excess of that which we face here today. So I'd ask those of you who are not in the Chambers, you ought to try to get back here and listen to what is going on because it is going to have a tremendous impact upon you. You're going to have problems much worse than whether you're going to vote for a little increase in the cigarette tax or a little decrease in someone's budget. Thank you very much.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Senator Hall.